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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 2004, please cancel without prejudice rejected claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 in the above-identified application.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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